

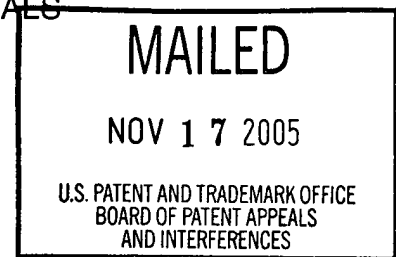
The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was not written for publication and is not binding precedent of the Board.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JAMES H. McLAUGHLIN

Application No. 09/964,143



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 26, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that on May 2, 2005, appellants filed a Reply Brief. There is no indication on the record that this paper was considered by the examiner.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- (1) consider the Reply Brief;
- (2) written notification to appellant of said consideration; and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Craig R. Feinberg
Program and Resource Administrator
(571) 272-9797

Crabtree & Evelyn, Ltd.
102 Peake Brook Road
P.O. Box 167
Woodstock, CT 06281-0167

dem